



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021 7:00 PM

Council Chambers

400 N. Douty St.

4:30 PM CALL TO ORDER STUDY AND CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK:

Present: Francisco Ramirez, Diane Sharp, John Draxler, Kalish Morrow, Art Brieno.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

None.

STUDY SESSION:

A. Fire Prevention overview for the City Council

Fire Chief Steve Pendergrass presented the Fire Prevention overview and updates for the Council's review and discussion. The Council commented on cost recovery and inspection fees. Chief Pendergrass addressed questions and concerns from the Council.

B. Parks and Community Services: Review of 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert provided a summary of the upcoming Parks and Recreation Master Plan presentations that will take place at future City Council Meetings. Dir. Albert introduced three Parks and Recreation Commissioners, Joe Castaneda, Cheyne Strawn, and Gregory Kelly. Mr. Castaneda began the presentation by introducing himself, and he provided background on why he chose to participate in the Parks and Recreation Commission. Dir. Albert provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Dir. Albert discussed current parkland acreage, community input, and cost recovery. The Council further discussed cost recovery, revenue, and parkland acreage. Council Member Morrow spoke in support of the staff meeting with the school board regarding utilization of their park space for community recreational events. Dir. Albert and the Parks and Recreation Commissioners answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned to Closed Session at 5:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (gc 54956.9(9)(1)):

Helena v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No. 17C0102

Cesar Pimentel v. Mark Carrillo and Alfred Rivera
Eastern District Case No.: 1:19-cv-1088

Montreal Hemphill v. Officer Farr, Officer Medeiros
Eastern District Case No.: 1:19-cv-1119

Ronald Austin v. City of Hanford
Kings County Case No.: 20C0353

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (gc 54956.9(d)(2)):

City Attorney: Settlement demand received on January 21, 2021 for excessive force and wrongful arrest of Nathan Rodriguez.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (gc 54956.8):

Property: 109 E. Eighth Street
Agency Negotiators: Mario Cifuentez, Ty Mizote
Negotiating Party: Carnegie Museum of Kings County (CMKC)

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Council Member	Present	4:15 PM
Diane Sharp	Vice Mayor	Present	4:20 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:26 PM
Kalish Morrow	Council Member	Present	4:18 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Mayor	Present	4:18 PM

INVOCATION:

The invocation was led by Carlos Garcia.

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Ramirez.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

None.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Ramirez presented a Resolution of Recognition to Interim Finance Director, Eric Frost.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Cifuentez thanked Interim Finance Director Eric Frost and introduced the new Finance Director Chris Tavaréz. He also provided a COVID-19 update for Kings County and discussed the American Rescue Plan.

Police Chief Parker Sever provided an update of the Autism Awareness Event hosted by the Hanford Police Department.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Sharp discussed her outreach to Adventist Health on behalf of the City.

Council Member Morrow attended Arbor Day Event and The American Rescue Plan meeting.

Council Member Brieno attended Arbor Day Event.

Council Member Draxler had nothing to report.

Vice Ramirez attended the Arbor Day event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Hanford City Council. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.

*A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Dave Ayers commented on General Business item C [Discussion of Council Options and possible Council Action related to filling the vacant Council seat in District A].

Dolores Alves commented on Lacey Park and the new Parks Resource Police Officer.

Todd Cotta commented on General Business item C [Discussion of Council Options and possible Council Action related to filling the vacant Council seat in District A].

Bob Ramos commented on General Business Item C [Discussion of Council Options and possible Council Action related to filling the vacant Council seat in District A], he also spoke in favor of Todd Cotta to be appointed to the City Council.

Rose Shapley commented on issues that she is having with her neighbor.

Council Member Brieno responded to Ms. Alves and Ms. Shapley's comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and

then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

Council Member Brieno pulled items J and K.

Item J. *[Public Works: Authorization to advertise for bids for the Emma Lee Lane Reconstruction & Crossing / Lift Station #37 Replacement; and pre-authorization for the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder, providing project bid is within current budget.]*

Item K. *[Public Works: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-14-R regarding the public transit needs within the City of Hanford and authorization for the City Manager to sign and submit claims for funds and any subsequent amended claims required; 2) Determine, based on City's financial participation in and support of the existing Kings County Area Public Transit System, that there are no areas within the City of Hanford with unmet public transit needs which could reasonably be met by the expansion of the existing system or by the establishment of a new system; 3) Approval of the filing of the Notice of Exemption to certify that projects to be constructed with these funds are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.]*

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar except for the items pulled for separate consideration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

- A. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title the only.
- B. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2021 Special Meeting
- C. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Special Meeting
- D. City Clerk: Approval of the Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Meeting
- E. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Eileen Maness.
- F. City Clerk: Denial of a claim for damages and authorization for the City Clerk to send out notification of such to Juan Ramos.
- G. FIRE: Adoption of Resolution No. 21-13-R, identifying the terms and conditions for State reimbursement of fire department responses to an emergency incident.
- H. Public Works: Approval of the Notice of Completion for Tract No. 919 Unit No. 2
- I. Public Works: Award a Contract to Sancon Technologies, Inc. of Huntington Beach, CA in the amount of \$87,326.00, for the FY 20/21 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Repair and Coating Project

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT:

1. Public Works: Authorization to advertise for bids for the Emma Lee Lane Reconstruction & Crossing / Lift Station #37 Replacement; and pre-authorization for the City Manager to award and execute the contract on behalf of the City to the lowest responsible bidder, providing project bid is within current budget appropriation.

[Item J]

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed the project and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

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[Item K]

Public Works Director John Doyel provided the background of the Annual TDA process and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Art Brieno. Council Member
SECONDER:	John Draxler, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development: Council consideration and approval of the Hanford Area Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update and Adoption of Resolution 21-15-R, directing staff to file an application with Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for a request to expand the City's Sphere of Influence, as identified within the 2035 Hanford General Plan Update

On behalf of Senior Planner Gabrielle Myers, Public Works Director John Doyel presented an overview of the Hanford Area Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update. Dir. Doyel presented Resolution 21-15-R for Council's review and consideration. Dir. Doyel addressed questions and concerns from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Art Brieno, Council Member
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

B. Parks and Community Services: Approval of two full-time Recreation Coordinator positions to the Parks and Community Services Department.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert presented the overview of the proposal to add two full-time coordinator positions to the Parks and Community Services Department. Council Members Brieno and Draxler expressed their concerns regarding the budget. Dir. Albert addressed the budget error in the staff report and, he addressed questions and concerns from the Council.

Motion to approve.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Draxler, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

C. Council: Discussion of Council Options and possible Council Action related to filling the vacant Council seat in District A.

City Manager Cifuentez discussed the background of Council Member Draxler's pending resignation and the options for filling the vacancy in District A. After Council discussion, it was a consensus of the Council to proceed with an appointment process.

Motion to direct staff to prepare an appointment interview process to fill the pending vacancy in District A for the Council's review and consideration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kalish Morrow, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Sharp, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Sharp, Brieno, Morrow, Ramirez

COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk